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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
OSAMU YAMADA ET AL. ) : Examiner: Brian Q. Le  
Application No.: 09/420,772 ) : Group Art Unit: 2623  
Filed: October 19, 1999 ) :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD, AND RECORDING )  
MEDIUM ) : July 22, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 10.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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(Name of Attorney for Applicants)

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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No additional fee is required.

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| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                              |  |       |  |                         |                |                   |
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|  | (2)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | (4)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE           | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                | * 14   | MINUS | ** 20  | = 0                     | x \$9<br>\$18  | \$0.00            |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                               | * 5  | MINUS | *** 3  | = 2                     | x \$43<br>\$86 | \$172.00          |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 |  |       |  |                         |                |                   |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE<br>FOR THIS AMENDMENT---  |  |       |  |                         |                | \$172.00          |

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Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

A check in the amount of \$ 172.00 is enclosed.

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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